



BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006

Lea , New Mexico [35025]

Lea is one of 33 counties in New Mexico. It is part of the Hobbs, NM Micropolitan SA. Its 2006 population of 56,882 ranked 10th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Lea had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$30,261. This PCPI ranked 5th in the state and was 101 percent of the state average, \$29,929, and 82 percent of the national average, \$36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 12.7 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 6.2 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Lea was \$16,803 and ranked 11th in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 6.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.6 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Lea had a total personal income (TPI) of \$1,721,286*. This TPI ranked 7th in the state and accounted for 3.0 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Lea was \$950,109* and ranked 8th in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 14.3 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 7.7 percent and the national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Lea. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 70.5 percent of TPI (compared with 64.8 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 10.3 percent (compared with 15.1 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 19.2 percent (compared with 20.1 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 16.7 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 11.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.9 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 7.0 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 2.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.6 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Lea increased from \$1,181,054* in 2005 to \$1,389,802* in 2006, an increase of 17.7 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 6.6 percent and the national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$694,430* to the 2006 estimate was 7.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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